

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1, to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading and recording apparatus provided with an image reading portion for reading an image of a document, and an image recording portion for recording an image on a recording sheet, said image reading and recording apparatus comprising:

a first stacking portion for stacking thereon a first sheet which is one of the document and the recording sheet;

first feeding means for feeding the first sheet stacked on said first stacking portion;

a second stacking portion for stacking thereon a second sheet which is the other of the document and the recording sheet;

second feeding means having a cut-away portion formed by cutting away a portion of a peripheral surface thereof and for feeding the second sheet stacked on said second stacking portion; and

a lower guide member extending from said first stacking portion to said second feeding means for guiding the first sheet fed by said first feeding means,

wherein when the first sheet is to be fed by said first feeding means, said second feeding means is stopped in a state in which said cut-away portion is opposed to said lower guide member so as to form between said cut-away portion and said lower guide member a gap through which the first sheet fed by said first feeding means passes, and

wherein in a state in which the first sheet is stacked on said first stacking portion,

the second sheet stacked on said second stacking portion ~~can be~~ is fed by said second feeding means.

2. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second stacking portion supports the second sheet in its inclined state, and said first stacking portion is disposed in juxtaposed relationship with said second stacking portion, and supports the first sheet in its inclined state.

3. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said first feeding means and said second feeding means are disposed in a vertical direction along said second stacking portion.

4. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second feeding means is disposed downstream of said first feeding means in a feeding direction of the first sheet fed out by said first feeding means.

5. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a pressure plate provided on said second stacking portion for upward and downward movement, adapted to be upwardly moved to a first position in which feeding by said second feeding means is possible when it stacks the second sheet thereon and the second sheet is to be fed, and to be downwardly moved to a second position below said first position when feeding is not effected, wherein said second feeding means, when the second sheet is to be fed,

feeds the second sheet stacked on said pressure plate moved to the second position with the peripheral surface thereof protruded from said lower guide member.

6. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising an upper guide member disposed above said lower guide member for guiding the first sheet fed by said first feeding means, wherein said upper guide member is designed to have its upper end portion pivotally held and to be pressed by the first sheet fed by said first feeding means and be upwardly pivotally moved.

7. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein regulation of pivotal movement when said upper guide member is upwardly pivotally moved is effected by said second feeding means, and said upper guide member is regulated by a shaft portion of said second feeding means so as not to move to above the cut-away portion of said second feeding means when said cut-away portion is opposed to said lower guide member.

8. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a surface of the cut-away portion of said second feeding means is of low friction.

9. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a low-friction member is provided on the surface of the cut-away portion of said second feeding means.

10. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 6, further comprising presser means for pressing the first sheet fed out by said first feeding means and passing between said upper guide member and said lower guide member, wherein a distal end portion of said presser means extends into a rotation radius of said second feeding means.

11. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said presser means is supported on an upstream side of said second feeding means, and is designed to abut against and be flexed by said second feeding means when said second feeding means is rotated to thereby feed the second sheet, and when said presser means is flexed, the distal end portion of said presser means is in a position in which the distal end portion does not contact with the second sheet.

12. (Original) An image reading and recording apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, further comprising:

a document transporting path for transporting the document to said image reading portion;

a sheet transporting path for transporting the recording sheet to said image recording portion; and

a common transporting path forming a portion of said document transporting path and a portion of said sheet transporting path,

wherein reading of the image of the document and image recording onto the recording sheet are effected in said common transporting path.